

# Russian Federation

## Advising Center Network

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## Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -1.0%

- ▶ The US Department of Education and the Russian Ministry of Education and Science have begun implementing the US-Russia University Partnership Program, following the signing of a historic Memorandum of Understanding in May 2006.
- ▶ By 2009, a standard high-school leaving and university entrance examination – the Unified State Examination (Единый государственный экзамен, or Edinyi gosudarstvennyi ekzamen) – will be accepted nationwide. Currently offered all across Russia, it remains controversial at a few of the major universities, which continue to offer their own exams.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: engineering, business, hard & computer sciences, and social sciences.
- ▶ Interest in community college is increasing.

## Resource Links

Moscow EducationUSA Advising Center: [www.useic.ru](http://www.useic.ru)

Ministry of Education and Science of Russia: <http://eng.mon.gov.ru>

National Accreditation Agency: [www.nica.ru/main.en.phtml](http://www.nica.ru/main.en.phtml)

National Information Center: [www.russianenic.ru/english](http://www.russianenic.ru/english)

US Department of Education: [www.ed.gov/programs/fipserussia](http://www.ed.gov/programs/fipserussia)

## Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Russian	Russian
Years of study required:	11 years compulsory	<i>bakalavr</i> : 4 years <i>spetsialist</i> : 5 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	outstanding (5) – A good (4) – B satisfactory (3) – C unsatisfactory (2) – D fail (1) – F	outstanding (5) – A good (4) – B satisfactory (3) – C unsatisfactory (2) – D fail (1) – F
Scholarship for US studies:	Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russia: Presidential Scholarship</li> <li>• Tatarstan: Higher Education Fellowship</li> <li>• US: Global UGRAD, Muskie, Fulbright Graduate Student Fellowship</li> </ul>

## Upcoming Events 2008-2009

Pre-departure orientations for admitted students will be held in June, and education fairs will be held all across Russia in 2008/09. Contact the Russia Country Coordinator at [caplan@useic.ru](mailto:caplan@useic.ru) for the most recent dates.

## Partnering with EducationUSA Russia

We frequently host guest speakers from the US, either in person or virtually, including DVCs, webinars, and webchats. The best times to reach the maximum number of students are September-November or February-April.

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## Program Highlights 2007

### International Education Week 2007

Consular officers Vincent Moore and Rebecca Grutz engage students at EducationUSA's booth at an education fair in Moscow, November 2007.



### Pre-Departure Orientation, Moscow

Education consultant Carolyn Ho and Regional Educational Advising Coordinator Bram Caplan role-play on American academic culture with 50 Muscovite students headed to universities in the US at a pre-departure orientation in June 2007.



### Opportunity Initiative: Outreach

EducationUSA adviser Natalia Rozanova hands out business cards to students during an outreach trip to Tver to promote the Opportunity Initiative. More than 50 Russian students have received Opportunity Initiative funds from EducationUSA to cover application fees, testing fees, visa/SEVIS fees, and travel to their universities in the US.



### Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS
- ▶ US Embassy in Moscow and US Consulates in St. Petersburg, Vladivostok, and Yekaterinburg
- ▶ Fulbright/IIE Office in Russia
- ▶ IREX, Project Harmony
- ▶ American Corners
- ▶ International Relations Offices of Russian Universities

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	4,801	4,751
Total number of inquiries:	95,000	100,000